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PROJECT PROFILE

Peace and Reconciliation Program: An Eye to the Future

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*Workshops for program “activators”
(children’s mentors)*

CHALLENGES

- Need for non-violent approaches to conflict mitigation.
- Overcoming cultural sensitivities to ensure the integration of female participants.
- Limits on program implementation imposed by the separation barrier and movement restrictions.

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Project Overview

An Eye to the Future is part of a larger Conflict Management and Mitigation small-grant program that brings together individuals of different ethnic, religious, and/or political backgrounds in people-to-people activities that address the root causes of tension and instability.

Goals

- Establish a high-quality child-centered program in conflict-impacted areas of Gaza that changes children’s attitudes and mitigates violence.
- Create a cadre and network of Palestinians (including future teachers) and community-based organizations (CBOs) that are conversant in developing pro-social behaviors in children through intentional programming methodologies.
- Develop a nexus of approximately 2,400 boys and girls who exhibit conflict mitigating pro-social skills and attitudes and for whom some of the necessary structure and support of an intact childhood has been returned.

Activities

An Eye to the Future hosts child-centered conflict-mitigation programs in three of the most volatile areas of the Gaza Strip, with approximately 2,400 participants in community-based programming that integrates behavioral and attitudinal change strategies with fun and constructive activities.

Successes

- Trained 63 children’s mentors (“activators”) in “Moving Forward” and “Foundation” methodologies.
- Created a Program Design Guidebook that outlines the critical components and steps necessary to launch this program at three CBOs.
- Awarded three sub-grants (\$125,000 each over 18 months) to three Palestinian CBOs – Eastern Gaza Society for Family Development, Al Atta' Charitable Society and Beit Lahia Development Association – to support activities for more than 600 children.

Project Detail

Implementing Partner: CARE International, Life of Project: 07/01/2009-06/30/2012;
Total Estimated Cost: \$1,121,730.